PROTECTION FOR BIRDS

Illegal to Possess Native American Songsters.

HOT FIGHT AGAINST THEM

Devices for Illegal Shipping of Game Birds-"Corpse" of 1,500 Dead Quails-The Work of Trappers.

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gists' Union.) In a majority of the States of the Union it is now a misdemeanor to have in possession a living native American song bird. It doubtless will be a revelation to many people who have caged cardinals or mecking birds as pets to know that they are law-breakers. But such is the case, and instances are not rare where owners of feathered prisoners have been

owners of feathered prisoners have been summened to court and fined.

Probably it may seem to the pot bird owner that the law is drastic and one which should be repealed, but when he learns the real facts in the case he may be willing to admit that the law-makers knew what they were about. Until within a few years scores of species of native birds were trapped, caged and sold with impunity. To-day the fraffic is largely confined to mocking birds (Minus Polygiottus) and to cardinal grosbeaks (Cardinalis), or, as they are called more frequently, redbirds.

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The fight of the bird protectors against the dealers and trappers of mocking birds and redbirds is now at its hotjest. Within six manths the tide of the buttle will tuen, probably in favor of the protectors. Many of the Northern States have laws against caging wild birds, which are ex-

teemely faulty in the wording. If the bird is brought from another State, the owner of it cannot be convicted in the State in which suit is brought. This is true, however, in comparatively few States. In others the possession of any living bird, no matter where it was trapped, is made an offense.

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The recently enacted Lacy law, which is a part of the interstate commerce statute, makes it illegal to transport birds from one State into another in they have been illegally trapped. The great source of supply of redbirds and mocking birds for the market is Louisiana. The Legislature of that State this winter will pass a law making the trapping of the birds illegal, and then the Northern dealers in birds shipped from Louisiana will be prosecuted under the Federal statutes and by Federal officers. The violators of Uncle Sam's rules usually fare hardly, and it is believed that within a year the day of caged mocking birds and redbirds will have passed.

hard task when they started the work of preventing the traffic in native Amersong birds. Hundreds of men, th of them Germans and Italians,

who had been engaged in the same kind of work in the old country, made their living trapping birds during the nesting season, in the suburbs of the great cities.

In the North the birds captured most fre-

articles, the bobolink (Dollehonyx oryzivorus), and the indigo bunting (Passerina cyanea). The capture of birds of these three species is one of the easiest matters in the world, the victims actually seeming "to fall over one another" in their anxiety to get into the trap. The device, used for their capture looks like an ordinary bird cage, save that midway between the top and bottom it is divided into two parts. In the lower section a decoy bird is placed. The upper section has a swing door in the roof, which opens

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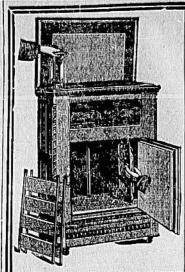
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and lies back flat on the top of the cage. Within is a perch upon which the wistim, lured by the enotes of the decoy bird, alights. It's weight upon the perch frees a spring and the door in the roof closes with a snap.

PRAUD ON PURCHASERS.

The men who sold bobolinks, indigo birds and goldfinches after having purchased them from the trappers were guilty of a petty deception, which certainly had its humorous side. There are no more beautiful birds in the springtime in the whole range of feathered life than the three species named. In addition to their heauty the gladness of the early years stirs them to sing. As the summer

wanes, however, the birds lose their heauty, dropping their gay attire for a garb of dun color.

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It is doubtless 'unnecessary to say that the dealers, in selling the tuneful spring beauties, made no mention of the fact that with the coming of fall their plumage would be dulled and their sweet volces changed to a dismal creak. The purchaser bought and learned later that he was 'soid.' The ends to which a dealer would go to make a sale are illustrated by an experience I once had with a sidewalk merchant, who was offering caged bobolinks to the passers. I said to the man that someone had told me that the bird would lose its volce and its beauty in the fall. He asured me with newer a change of countenance, nor even the suspicion of a twinkle in his eye that all his boboling came from a certain county in the Hoosier State, where the quality of the food and water was such that the birds never moulted and never lost their springtime song.

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Finally the bird trapper was convicted in the Superior Ceart and fined \$5 for each bird found in his possession. The case was appealed, and was finally passed upon by the Supreme Court of the State, which upheld the lower court and

gave the victory to the members of the Audubon Society. The goldfinches at the then current market rates were worth of cents apiece, or \$2.50 for the five which figured in the case. It was estimated that these five birds cost the dealers in fines, lawyers' fees and expenses \$2.500 before the final decision was given by the Supreme Coust.

The dealers in live birds practically are unable to violate the provisions of the Lacy act because of the difficulty which centronts them in the matter of shipping their morchandise secretly. Live birds must have air, and then they are apt to sing, thus betraying their presence to the early of the searching officers. When it comes to transporting dead game birds, however, the problem is an easy one to spive. All kinds of subterfuses are employed to get game to the city market from States out of which its shipment is illegal.

ILLEGAL SHIPPING ENPEDIENTS.
The old scheme was to ship ruffed grouse, quall, woodcock and the rest of the game birds in boxes marked poultry. This little deception was enough in the days when few people cared whether the game laws were kept or not. In the present day of an awakened conscience it is a different matter, and shippers are put to it to get their game to the cities without having it discovered and seized by the watchful officers.

I recently saw several dozen quall, which had been tuken from mattresses in a Tolding bed, the bed and the mattress having been shipped to the city as a harmless bit of household furniture. Many a barrel of apples has a core of grouse.

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Members of the Audubon Society caused the arrest of a man who had trapped five goldfinches in a city suburb. The trapper was one who supplied the great city deniers with native songsters. The case was a test one. The man who was arrested had little money, but the bird dealers raihed to his defense. The case was in court fourteen times before a decision was given. The bird dealers, many of them rich men, had employed the best counsel that money and the local profession could supply. All the means known to the Sycamore Mineral Springs. SMITH'S CROSS ROADS, VA., Sept. I The work on the Sycamore Mineral Springs, owned by Mr. J. H. Oglenm, of supply. All the means known to the technicalities of the law were taken to secure continuances in order to the out the bird protectors, who were working for nothing except principle, and who had to suspend business in order to attend

of this county.

to the community an enjoyable entertainment. The demand for the water has increased very rapidly since its develop-

greatly through its use.

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In a folding been shipped to the city as a harmless bit of household furniture. Many a barrel of apples has a core of grouse, and below the upper layer of eggs in the ordinary shipping box frequently are found woodcock and quail.

It was left for a Minnesota man to cuide all others in ingenuity when it came to a question of an attempt to deceive the game warden. Not long ago a pine box of the regulation coffin-inclosing size and marked on the outside "Corpse" was delivered to a city commission house. The box came firough on a passenger ticket, as is usual when a body is shipped. The railroad people treated the package with respect and doubted not that the person to whom it was addressed wis an undertaker. At the depot in the city a man appeared and took charge of the "remains." There was a suspicious game warden, however, who had received some information from the North. He approached the man who had charge of the box and asked what was in it.

The man hesitated a second and then said it was a corpse, It was the hesitation that made him lose. The game warden opened the box with a blow of a hanumer, and, looking in, said: "If you had made a corpse plural you would have told the truth."

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There were 1,500 dead quall in the box.
Not long ago a member of the Audubon Society found a box of snow buntings in front of a commission house. "What are these?" he asked of the dealer.
"Reed birds," said the man.
"Rats," muttered the questioner.
That word cost him his case, for when twenty minutes later the game warden appeared at the store on information lodged by the bird protector, the snow buntings had disappeared as completely as though they had come to life and had fied to their summer home within the arctic circle.

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THE JOYOUS GRIEF."

One Italian Humorous Paper So Characterizes Some Popular Feelings on Leo's Death-Kind Words for Pope Pius X.

With the news instinct still young it

With the news instinct still young in him, and with that thirst for an interview which has characterized the American journalist, Dr. A. E. Dickinson, venerable editor of the Religious Herald, has gotton a talk out of Dr. George B. Taylor, the Baptist missionary to Italy, on the life and character of the late Pope and the present Pontiff, as viewed by himself, the Italian newspapers and others.

No protestant living, probably, in so well qualified by experience to speak of Catholic affairs as Dr. Taylor, who has spent the last thirty years in Rome. Dr. Dickinson stw Dr. Taylor at Hollins Institute recently and writes to his paper as follows:

"I give as nearly as possible the questions I propounded to Dr. Taylor, and his replets to the same. I am sure that it will afford pleasant and profitable reading to the thousands who know and love him in this country and in other lands, and especially will it be prized by many, who have been confused and mised of late by statements in other papers concerning the Popes and the church, so called,

Q. With your knowledge of Italian affairs, what have you to say of the late and of the new Pope?

A. I have not failed to think and speak of Leo XIII, with respect as a dignitary of venerable ago and believed to be of pure private character.

Q. Have you noted the large attention given to him and his successor by the American press?

A. Yes, I have; and it seems to me both natural and proper that the enterprising newspapers of this country, seeking news from every quarter of the globe, should have given ample details on subjects so interesting and important. On the other hand, a few of them have presented estimates of the papacy such as devout Romanists would approve, but which are not acceptable to Protestants. Both the former and the new Pope have offered praise almost fulsome to America, and have expressed a leve for our country which has seemed to please mirrig. No doubt the papacy would like to gain predominance in this country, and will leave no means untried to secure it, W the friends of freedom in Engand, dermany, France and Italy deem such predominance a blessing to this land? Is Roman Catholicism, as seen hero, quite what it is in Southern Europe? What of the prosperity of Roman Catholic peoples as compared with that of Protestant lands?

ITALIAN NEWSPAPERS. Q. You seem to be asking questions rather than answering them. How have Italian newspapers spoken concerning Leo XIII. and his successor?

A. Let your renders answer my ques-tions. I have received from Rome news-

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CARDINAL GROSBEAK (REDBIRD). THE AUDUBON SOCIETIES ARE EN

papers of nearly every color. All of them speak of both personally with respect, italians could not do otherwise, "il Travaso," a humoristic weekly, under the head of "The Joyous Grief," with cuts and verses, shows how many classes of people professing sorrow for the death of the Pope are, for reasons of interest, really glad. The conclave is then lightly

213 South Prior Street, ATLANTA, GA., March 21, 1903. suffered for four months with extreme nervousness and lassitude. I had a sinking feel-

lassitude. I had a sinking feeling in my stomach which no medicino seemed to relieve, and losing my appetite I became weak and lost my vitality. In three weeks I lost 14 pounds of flosh and felt that I must find speedy relief to regain my health. Having heard Wine of Cardui praised by several of my friends, I sent for a bottle and was certainly very pleased three days my appetite returned

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all, by the Jesuits. It is added that the Rampella, he did not conduct the church of Rene to any success, religious, political or social. His flerce efforts to array France against tarty had the precisely England was vain, and instead of uniting Correlations. He attempted to form and the scheme he had to see in Southern Germany and Austria, thousands separating themselves Christians. He attempted to form and suide associations known as Christian Engerals, but his activity in these discretions resulted in a type and sharper to the company of the company of the company of the control of the company of all, byt the Jesuits. It is added that Hough helped by his able secretary, Rampolla, he did not conduct the church

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